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Employee insurance meeting set Aug. 29

Two informational meetings on group insurance changes for 1984-85 will be held Wednesday, Aug. 29. Sessions will be at 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. in ADM 127 for all interested employees.

A question and answer session will be conducted after a brief overview of the coverages, improvements, and cost containment measures that have been implemented.

To ensure that September payroll deductions accurately reflect any changes to be made in current coverage, employees are asked to complete an enrollment card in the Personnel Office, ADM 108, by Sept. 4.

Any questions concerning employee group insurance should be directed to the Personnel Office, extension 281.

Fernandez selected for VPAA position

Dr. George F. Hamm, president of The University of Texas at Tyler, has announced the appointment of Dr. Thomas L. Fernandez as vice president for academic affairs effective Sept. 1.

Fernandez comes to his new assignment from Emory University in Atlanta, Georgia. Since 1980, he has been director of communications programs for Emory's graduate School of Business Administration. Prior to that Fernandez served as vice president for student and academic services at Emory.

In making this announcement Hamm said, "Dr. Fernandez comes to us from a highly regarded university and brings experiences in teaching and academic administration in both liberal arts and business. He is highly regarded in both academic disciplines where he has served as a consultant to universities and to corporations. Dr. Fernandez has designed and implemented communications courses for Emory's Management Development Programs, the Lockheed Georgia Company and others, and has served as communications consultant to the national office of the American Heart Association in Dallas. Most importantly, however, Dr. Fernandez has demonstrated a comprehensive understanding of the teaching, research, and service functions of a university — so vital to the integrity of a quality institution."

Fernandez is a graduate of Marietta College (Ohio) and received his Ph.D. at the University of Missouri. He is the author of two books and a number of journal articles. In 1967 he was elected a Fellow in the American Council on Education Academic Administrative Internship Program. He has been elected to Alpha Sigma Phi (social fraternity), Omicron Delta Kappa (leadership honorary), Beta Gamma Sigma (business honorary), and Alpha Kappa Psi (business fraternity).

Fernandez is married to the former Donna L. Dutton of Marietta, Ohio. The Fernandez have four adult daughters.

Faculty appointments announced

Fourteen faculty appointments at The University of Texas at Tyler have been announced by spokesmen of the four schools. Appointees include:

School of Business Administration — Dr. Sam Seward, associate professor of business administration, who will teach management courses. He holds a doctorate in business administration from the University of Colorado and was formerly an associate professor at the University of Wyoming.

School of Education and Psychology — Dr. John Bowser, associate professor of education, will head the new management program in Educational Administration. He holds a doctorate from the University of Chicago and was previously superintendent of schools in Stafford, Texas.

Dr. Karen Ostlund, assistant professor of education, received her doctorate from the University of Minnesota. She will teach in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction.

Dr. John Hoover, assistant professor of education, will teach classes in special education. He received his doctorate from the University of Colorado. He previously was a lecturer in special education and a research associate at the University of Colorado.

Dr. David Tanner, assistant professor of education, is a generalist in curriculum and instruction. He completed his doctoral studies at Texas A&M this year.

School of Liberal Arts — Elizabeth Dunn, assistant professor of English, who expects to receive her doctorate in English from the University of North Carolina this fall, will teach classes in American literature, advanced composition and the honors seminar.

Dr. Dennis E. Chase, assistant professor of English, comes from the University of Hartford in Connecticut. He holds a doctorate in Old English language and literature from New York University. He will teach advanced composition, modern grammar and renaissance English during the fall semester.

Mark L. Mecham, assistant professor of music, will receive a doctorate in musical arts this fall from the University of Illinois. At UT Tyler he will direct choral activities and teach music history. He taught previously at Mary College, Bismarck, N.D.

Amy Bridges Suttle, assistant professor of art, holds a Master of Fine Arts degree in printmaking from Colorado State University. She will teach classes in graphics and drawing.

School of Sciences and Mathematics — Dr. George Whitson III, associate professor of computer science, received his doctorate from the University of Illinois. He will teach programming languages, compiler technique and simulation/scientific applications.

Howard Baker received a Master of Arts degree from the University of Southern California. He will teach computer science classes at UT Tyler which include commercial applications programming and micro-computer system application.

Dr. Barbara Drobnies, assistant professor of nursing, completed her doctorate at the University of Oklahoma in Norman this summer.

Sue Hammett, instructor of nursing, received a master of science degree in registered nursing from Texas Woman's University. She was previously a nursing instructor at Barland County Community College, Hot Springs, Ark.

Nan Hutchins, instructor of mathematics, received her master of science degree from George Mason University, Fairfax, Va. She will teach classes in mathematical analysis, foundations of mathematics and logic and foundations.

Gift approved by Regents

A gift of \$50,000 from J.S. Hudnall to The University of Texas at Tyler was approved by the UT System Board of Regents at their meeting in Austin Aug. 10.

The contribution from Hudnall is to support the J.S. Hudnall Scholarships for Exemplary Leadership and the Hudnall Professorships.

Recipients of the two professorships have been announced. They are Dr. Robert Geffner, assistant professor of psychology, and Dr. Davor Jedlicka, associate professor of sociology.

Other board action relating to UT Tyler included approval of amendments to the 1983-84 operating budget.

Personnel Update

Listed below are the names and departments of faculty members who will observe their tenth year of continuous service at the university on Aug. 27, 1984:

Dr. Patricia Gajda	Social Sciences
Dr. Vivian Hicks	Curriculum and Instruction
Dr. Gary Mears	Psychology
Dr. James Stewart	Biology
Dr. Gary Wright	Special Services
Dr. Marilyn Young	Management and Marketing

Listed below are the names and departments of faculty members who will observe their fifth year of continuous service at the university on Sept. 1, 1984:

Barbara Cushing	Nursing
Dr. Chester Fischer	Curriculum and Instruction
Dr. William Fisk	Psychology
Dr. Neil Ford	Biology
Jon Hayden	Management and Marketing
Dr. James Koukl	Biology

Annelle Womack, cashier II in the Financial Services Department, will observe her fifth year of continuous service at the university on Sept. 4. Congratulations Annelle!

1984-85 Holiday Schedule

Date	Holiday	Day of Week
Sept. 3, 1984	Labor Day	Monday
Nov. 22, 1984	Thanksgiving Day	Thursday
Nov. 23, 1984	Thanksgiving Holiday	Friday
Dec. 24, 1984	Christmas Holiday	Monday
Dec. 25, 1984	Christmas Day	Tuesday
Dec. 26, 1984	Christmas Holiday	Wednesday
Dec. 27, 1984	Christmas Holiday	Thursday
Dec. 28, 1984	Christmas Holiday	Friday
Dec. 31, 1984	New Year's Holiday	Monday
Jan. 1, 1985	New Year's Day	Tuesday
March 21, 1985	Spring Vacation	Thursday
March 22, 1985	Spring Vacation	Friday
April 5, 1985	Good Friday	Friday
July 4, 1985	Independence Day	Thursday

Robert Jones named VP for administration

The University of Texas at Tyler President George F. Hamm has announced the appointment of Dr. Robert Louis Jones as vice president for administration following a national search.

Jones has achieved national recognition for his role in developing a program to attract new students which now serves as a national model. Last year he was recognized by the 1000 Member Southern Association for College Student Affairs for his outstanding leadership by being presented the Association's prestigious Howard Davis Award.

Jones comes to UT Tyler from Mississippi State University where he has served as vice president for student affairs and professor of higher education. Prior to that he held the position of assistant vice president of the University of Arkansas Medical Center where he was instrumental in the establishment of the School of Allied Health Professions.

His responsibilities at Mississippi State and the University of Arkansas Medical Center included work in governmental affairs and as a legislative liaison.

Jones who received his doctorate and master's degrees from the University of Arkansas will be responsible for student affairs, public information, alumni relations, continuing education and other administrative assignments.

Jones says "It is an honor to be affiliated with The University of Texas at Tyler which I recognize to be one of the dynamic growing institutions in the entire south, and which, of course, is affiliated with The University of Texas System, one of the most exciting systems of higher education in America."

Jones will begin his duties at UT Tyler early in September.

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